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U.S. SENATE

GOP tries to force Moore from race

■ Calls for Alabama Republican Roy Moore to withdraw his candidacy for an open Senate seat grew as new allegations of sexual assault emerged.

BY SEAN SULLIVAN, ROBERT COSTA AND JENNA JOHNSON
Washington Post

Senate Republican leaders on Monday waged an urgent campaign to pressure GOP nominee Roy Moore to withdraw from the Alabama Senate race amid allegations of sexual misconduct, declaring him "unfit to serve" and threatening to expel him from Congress if he were elected.

But Moore showed no signs that he was preparing to step aside, even as another woman came forward, accusing him of sexually assaulting her in the late 1970s when she was 16 years old.

The fusillade from Senate Republicans started Monday morning in Louisville, Kentucky, where Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called on Moore to end his run. "I believe the women, yes," he said of the allegations leveled against Moore.

Later, National Republican Senatorial Committee Chairman Cory Gardner, a Colorado Republican, issued a written statement going even further. "If he refuses to withdraw and wins, the Senate should vote to expel him," Gardner said. He told reporters afterward that Moore "doesn't belong in the United States Senate."

Roy Moore, the Republican

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FROM FATHER TO SON

Former Miami Beach Mayor Seymour Gelber, left, swears in his son, Miami Beach Mayor-Elect Dan Gelber, center, inside City Hall on Monday. The former mayor's grandchildren, Max and Hannah Gelber, watch as Gelber took the oath of office. **Story, Page 3A**

HEALTH

Your odds of having high blood pressure just grew

■ Under guidelines that were updated for the first time in 14 years, nearly half of U.S. adults are in the unhealthy range.

BY LENNY BERNSTEIN AND ARIANA EUNJANG CHA
Washington Post

The nation's heart experts tightened the guidelines for high blood pressure Monday, a change that will sharply increase the number of U.S. adults considered hypertensive in the hope that they, and their doctors, will address the deadly condition sooner.

Acting for the first time in 14 years, the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology and nine other groups redefined high blood pressure as a reading of 130 over 80, down from 140 over 90. The change means that 46 percent of U.S. adults, many of them under the age of 45, now will be considered hypertensive. Under the previous guideline, 32 percent of U.S. adults had high blood pressure.

"We're recognizing that blood pressures that we in the past thought were normal or so-called 'pre-hypertensive' actually placed the patient at significant risk for heart disease and death and disability," said Robert M. Carey, co-chairman of the group that produced the new report. "The risk hasn't changed. What's changed is our recognition of the risk."

But the report's authors predicted that relatively few of those who fall into the new hypertensive category will need medication. Rather, they hope, that many found with the early stages of the condition will be able to address it through lifestyle changes such as improving their diet, getting more exercise, consuming less alcohol and sodium and lowering stress.

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Could it be — at last — the end of the line for Miami's most incorrigible con artist?

Jimmy Sabatino, a serial con man, poses as a music industry executive in one of his capers.

■ Jimmy Sabatino, a wiseguy wannabe from New York, was sentenced to a maximum 20 years in prison.

BY JAY WEAVER
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Goodbye, Jimmy Sabatino.

Federal prison officials in Miami, who consider the legendary con man a royal pain in the you-know-what, were more than happy to see that Sabatino will soon be sent off to a maximum security facility in Colorado. It's a notorious Supermax prison for murderers and terrorists held in isolation.

Sabatino, a wiseguy wannabe from New York, was sentenced Monday to a maximum 20 years in prison, showing no remorse for his $10 million rip-off scheme from behind bars in Miami — right up until the end.

"I don't apologize to nobody," Sabatino told U.S. District Judge Joan Lenard, after blaming the U.S. government and other defendants who snitched on him in the FBI investigation.

"They [the government] allowed this to happen," he said. "They should be ashamed of themselves. ... All of this is about rats."

Sabatino, a 40-year-old perennial inmate, pleaded guilty in September to a racketeering charge that featured a signature bit of audacity: Using cellphones

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